

SELLS PLAYET.

Miss Maude Orita Wallace who composed the musical playet, "The Indian Princess," has sold this play to the Willis Musical Company of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Miss Wallace wrote this play especially for the children of Mexico Central School. They ably presented it in the new High School Auditorium with scenery especially arranged by Miss Edith Etheredge and her art pupils over a year ago. It was one of the prettiest plays ever given in Mexico and Miss Wallace continues to be congratulated upon its success in other cities as well.

Mrs. Lawrence Davenport is the proud possessor of the set of dishes given as a special at the Enterprise Store Saturday.

C. Stokes, formerly of Mexico, later of California, has returned to Missouri and has started a prohibition paper at Sedalia. The first issue of the paper had a circulation of 10,000.

Central School children are happy in the possession of new drinking fountains on their playground. They can now all have opportunity to have water without waiting turns at the indoor fountain.

Rev. Tucker of the Latter Day Saints—a Mormon, shall we call him, preached several sermons in Santa Fe last week.

They have small-pox at Jonesburg and the schools have been closed.

T. F. Roden visited relatives in Oklahoma recently.

THE GROCERS MEET.

The Mexico grocers had an eat-together Thursday night at the Hoxsey Hotel. The following were present: J. A. Sannebeck, Z. E. Utter, J. J. Wood, F. A. Morris, J. C. King, Geo. Kunkel, Ross Wagner, L. Y. Moore, R. A. Fry and W. P. and Joe Smith.

Rev. Potter is conducting a revival meeting at the Methodist church at Santa Fe.

Mr. Miles Thomas, superintendent of the Centralia schools, and Miss Lillian Evered, formerly principal of the Montgomery City schools, were married last week.

W. H. Fry, Robert Hamilton and Mrs. W. F. Woodson of Auxvasse attended the funeral of J. C. V. Baskin in Mexico Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mason and small daughter, Gretchen, of Little Rock, Ark., arrived here last week for a visit with Mr. Mason's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mason. Mr. Mason is a dairy expert under the employ of the Federal Government with headquarters at Little Rock. He was at one time engaged in the same work in Porto Rico.

George Parsons, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Parsons, south of Benton City, has been afflicted all summer with dysentery. His case is rather an exceptional one, for a young person, but we hope he may soon become better and regain his former good health.

The Message was pleased to meet Homer G. Fry of Perry a few days since. His presence brought up some recollections of years ago. He married Miss Maude McFadin, well remembered in Mexico. His brother, Frank Fry, married Miss Genia Brown who was partly reared in Laddonia, who is a sister of James Brown, yet living at Laddonia. Mr. and Mrs. Fry now reside in St. Louis. Another one of the Brown girls, Miss Hortense Brown, married Dr. Ed. Foster, a Laddonia boy, and they are now living in Denver, Colo. These were all close friends of the editor of the Message.

Curtis Wilson and wife were called to Centralia Wednesday to the bedside of Mrs. Wilson's brother, Hugh Gritton who is dangerously ill with appendicitis.

MR. SNOOK DEAD.

Edward H. Snook, 50 years old, a brother of J. R. Snook, northeast of Mexico, died Friday night at his home in Bakersfield, Calif. He had been ill of lung trouble for a number of months. His brother here, J. R. Snook, went to see him this last summer.

Mr. Snook left this county for California about 15 years ago. He was a high-minded gentleman and useful citizen.

Mr. Snook's wife, before her marriage, who survives him, was Miss Drusia Ball, and is a sister of Mrs. B. F. Miller, Mrs. J. J. Wood and X. P. Ball of this city.

Mrs. Jennie B. Johnston has filed suit against Mrs. Grace Beagles and Monroe Beagles for the partition of the 460 acre Beagles farm in the neighborhood north of Worcester. The farm is regarded as one of the finest pieces of ground in Audrain county.

S. J. Bowne, Jr., tells the Centralia Guard that he will be a candidate for Judge of the Western District of Audrain county in the campaign next year. Mr. Bowne made this race four years ago and came to the finish "as a good second," comments the Guard.

Here is a sow story which comes from Gibson county, Ind. J. E. Toops, well known poultry dealer and all round business man, owner of one of the best farms in Gibson county, has been telling his friends about a remarkable sow he has on his farm. He said that for several days the sow had been getting into a corn field and he was greatly puzzled as to how she gained entrance, as the fences were in perfect condition, and he couldn't see how she managed it. A few days ago Mr. Toops, while on a visit to his farm, saw the sow approach the fence on a dead run and grab a very large grape vine that was hanging from a tree standing along the fence and begin to swing herself. When she reached a height which enabled her to clear the fence she relinquished her hold upon the vine and dropped into the corn field. Mr. Toops said he would not have vouched for the truthfulness of the story if he had not seen the sow do the act himself. He is thinking of sending the animal to Purdue University to give her a course in field sports. If any of the hog raisers in Audrain county have any animals that surpass this sow in intelligence now is the time to speak out. Mr. Toops is known in Mexico, Mo., and is a truthful man.

Mosquitoes killed 100 turkeys and many chickens for farmers on Salt River, northeast of Macon, according to the Times-Democrat. A Shelby county citizen said: "As unreasonable as it sounds it is nevertheless true that the mosquitoes killed those turkeys. They lighted upon the heads in great numbers and simply drove the flock mad. In their attempt to get away from the foe that they could not fight, the turkeys ran themselves to death."

MR. POTTS DEAD.

Former Well Known Audrain County Citizen.

Hon. J. A. Potts, 69 years old, for many years a citizen of Mexico, the father of Mrs. Ned Rodas here, died of paralysis at his late home in San Antonio, Texas, Saturday morning. Mr. Potts is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Ned Rodas, of Mexico; Mrs. Robert Robertson, Mrs. Annie Lowery, Mrs. Ralph Green, John, Joe and Sims Potts, of San Antonio, and Mrs. Edwin Quick, of Lincoln, Neb.

Mr. Potts was the son of John Potts, and was born nine miles south of Mexico, Sept. 17, 1846. He was raised on a farm and received his education in the public schools. He and Miss Lizzie F. Sims were married Oct. 26, 1869. Mr. Potts became one of the most successful stockmen of the county and at one time was a large land owner here. His were pioneer days as breeder of saddle and harness horses in this State.

LADDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH.

History From Its Organization to The Present.

The following article appeared in the Laddonia Herald last week, Mrs. Ada Gilliland Mc Coy, author.

The town of Laddonia was laid out in 1871. Soon after the Christian people of this community organized a Sunday School, which met in the old C. & A. depot, with Mr. David Hamilton as Supt. He was the father of Mr. Fred Hamilton. Then after the school house was built on the lots now owned by Mrs. Jeff Asher, our Sunday School met there. After Mr. Hamilton's death we next had Mr. Baxter Crawford, also Mr. Jas. G. Bruton, father of Mr. A. L. Bruton.

Then in 1878 the First Baptist Church was organized, and in 1880 the first part of our present house of worship was built. Our Sunday School then met in the church. It was a Union Sunday School up until 1886.

Rev. Chas. Alexander was then Superintendent for a time, and then Mr. J. N. Cross, (at that time a teacher of our public school.) We then had Mr. J. N. Cartmell and after him Mr. A. E. Myers. Then in 1884 Mr. J. F. Swanson was elected Superintendent, and served us until he moved away some four years after. Then Mr. Ed. Williams and after him his son, Marion Williams. Then in 1890 Mr. A. B. Hale was chosen, and has been our faithful Superintendent for twenty-five years with the exception of two years spent out west.

The name of Union Sunday School was changed to Baptist Sunday School in 1896.

Of the Assistant Superintendents, we have had Messrs. John Beal, Grant Beal, J. F. Eggleston, C. C. Clark, Noah Mitchell, E. A. Collins, Dr. E. A. Lofton, P. P. Hummel.

Our Secretaries have been Mr. Byron Barton, Mr. Jas. A. Pierce, Miss Hattie Ball, Miss Ada Gilliland for five years, Miss Birdie Pierce, for over six years, Miss Anna Rice, Miss Edith Torreyson.

There have been all through these SO MANY FAITHFUL workers and teachers, whose hearts were true and who loved God and loved to work in his vineyard. Some are here working for Him yet, some are in other places still working for their Master, and some have gone to their reward and with the angels make their home.

When we think of all who have been members of our church and Sunday school in all these years gone by, of their faithfulness, of their love for their Master, it should cause us to want to be more faithful and do much more for Him.

Of the teachers and regular attendants at Sunday school and of the Baptist church for 30 years or more we can recall the following: Miss Annie Baskett, Jesse H. Baskett and his family, the Alexander family, Rev. C. W. Alexander, Wm. Alexander, Ferd Alexander, Misses Mary and Sarah Alexander, R. B. Swift, Mrs. Olive Swift, their son, Charles Swift, and daughter, Jennie Swift, James A. Gilliland and his family, Fannie, Annie and Maud; Jesse R. Gilliland and his wife and their daughter, Ada; the Myers, Albert and James, and their sister, Mrs. Hurd; J. N. Cartmell and wife; Mrs. Mary E. Hamilton, Fred Hamilton and wife; Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell; Rev. G. B. Smith and family; the Burch family—Z. T. Burch, Wm. Burch and George and Andrew Burch; L. T. Betts and family; the Farringtons, Dan and Tom; Rev. Beatty Rice, his father and mother and sisters; Jas. Morris and family, George Friar and family, Will Morris and family, J. F. Eggleston and family, Prof. and Mrs. E. A. Collins, J. L. Pierce and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Mitchell, Miss Minnie Pierce, Miss Birdie Pierce, J. F. Swanson, C. A. Torreyson's family, Mrs. Bessie Freeman, Mrs. Nettie Lofton, Mrs. S. Carrie Wilkins, Mrs. Eva Pierce, W. K. Gass and wife and daughter, Rosa Gass; G. W. Hampton and wife and daughters, Mrs. Nettie Burch, Mrs. Onie Beal; Barton Hubbard and family, Thomas Robnett and family, Rev. J. S. Jesse

and family, the Pate family, Tom Self and family, Dr. E. A. Lofton, Prof. E. J. Powell, Prof. W. J. Rowley, the Bellamy families, Reube and Sam; Mrs. Hattie Smith and family, Mrs. George Ferris and family, Mrs. Ada Coll and family, the Talbott family, A. B. Hale and family, J. W. Elder and wife, P. P. Hummel and family and many others. Miss Beulah Syler received a medal for attending six years without being absent.

The Baptist Church has ordained the following ministers to preach the Gospel: Rev. H. B. Rice, Rev. F. Alexander, Rev. A. E. Burch, Rev. N. E. Mitchell, and Rev. P. P. Hummel.

The following are our officers and teachers at present: A. B. Hale, superintendent. Horace McCoy, assistant superintendent; Byrdie McCoy, secretary. Teachers: Mrs. Effie McDaniel, Mrs. George Ferris, Mrs. Geo. Ramey, Jr., Miss Ona Woodson, Miss Beulah Syler, Mrs. John Yost, Dr. McCall, C. A. Torreyson, J. W. Elder and A. B. Hale.

Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white as snow; it strayed away one day, where lambs should never go. And Mary sat her quickly down and tears streamed from her eyes; she never found the lamb because she did not advertise. And Mary had a brother John who kept a village store; he sat down and smoked a pipe and watched the open door. And as the people passed along and did not stop to buy, John still sat and smoked his pipe and blinked his sleepy eyes. And so the sheriff closed him out, but still he lingered near; and Mary came to drop with him a sympathetic tear. How is it, sister, can you tell, why other merchants sell their goods so readily and thrive from year to year? Remembering her own bad luck the little maid replied: "Those other fellows get there, John, because they advertise."

Rural School Notes

By CLYDE JOHNSON.

The past week was spent making half-day visits. One school clearly shows the advantage of an experienced teacher. During the past two years under the supervision of an experienced woman the school has been improved and built up to the point of approval. It was a pleasant school home, and good school work was being done. This year the school is in the charge of a young, inexperienced girl. She is capable, earnest, and doing her best. She is doing as well as could be expected, but she has a very difficult problem—one that she will handle easily a few years later when she has had the experience. But the board is earnestly supporting her, and with the hearty cooperation of all the patrons, they will yet have a very successful school. I wonder when the rural schools, just as city schools, will require that their applicants have experience.

At Chapel Grove, E. H. Crawford is doing some valuable work such as only a man of experience can do.

South Liberty has added some new books, a chair, and window curtains, paid for by a chicken sale and ice cream supper. They are now selling some lead pencils to earn a flag. I wish them success. They have blacked the stove, scrubbed the floor twice and have some interesting product maps, and collections of leaves. Miss Gertrude Tolson is the teacher.

At Crane, they have a new pump, and the yard was mowed. There are 16 pupils. Miss Violet Waters, a teacher training graduate, of Vandalia, is the teacher. She has inaugurated an interesting system of student self government as regards keeping paper off the floor.

Crow, Miss Cowherd teacher, and Pleasant Plains, Miss Stone, teacher, each have 35 or more pupils. In the "A" classes there are ten pupils. How interesting they must be. Miss Cowherd said that her attendance was 95 per cent last month, and Miss Stone has worked her pupils up to the point that there is very rarely a tardy—not one last

month. This school, as also that of Prairie Hill, Miss Ethel Smith teacher shows the advantage of retaining the old teacher. Each school is doing much better work, is far better disciplined and equipped—each is approved more than it was three years ago. Prairie Hill also has a large "A" class 3 boys and 5 girls.

Miss McNeil, at Bear Slough, still keeps her nine—just enough for a base ball team with no substitute. In one class there is but one, in another but two, while one class has three. Surely consolidation is needed in such cases as badly as 50 years ago it was needed to consolidate the families into the districts, which produced such efficient schools.

MR. BASKIN DEAD.

Was Formerly One of Mexico's Good Residents.

The body of J. C. V. Baskin, who died in Pomona, Calif., a few days ago, arrived in Mexico Saturday and was buried in Elmwood cemetery. The pall bearers were: Ed Gamble, L. J. Farrah, C. A. Witherspoon, C. H. Harrison, W. S. McKinney, and R. A. Fry. Mr. Baskin has three nieces in Mexico: Mrs. J. G. Lakenan, Mrs. C. D. Glendy and Mrs. C. B. Morris.

Mr. Baskin was one of those who, in 1850, made the trip across the plains to the gold fields of California, behind a team of horses and mules. He was with a party of gold-seekers from Weston, Mo., who in May and in July, of the same year, started their mining operations at Westerville, California, and later at Marsaid river. Mr. Baskin remained until 1852 and met with much success in his mining ventures.

During the civil war Mr. Baskin was in the Confederate service, having enlisted in the Ninth Missouri Volunteers, Company F. He was in many skirmishes but no large battles. On Oct. 12, 1853, he married Miss Mary A. Glendy, of Callaway county. His daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Harrison, of Pomona, Calif., where he died is the only living member of the family.

Mrs. Harrison accompanied the remains to Mexico.

Mr. Baskin left Mexico about 15 years ago. He was 88 years old. Many close friends here are pained to hear of his death.

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